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Mr. Robert W. Koch

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Dear Mr. Koch

As you are probably aware, the Office of Strategic Services was only a small unit of the War Department staffed by persons brought into the military from civilian life during the national emergency. After the war the unit was disbanded and the records were transferred to different government agencies. The War Department would have had jurisdiction over equipment such as vehicles, weapons, etc. OSS records consist in the most part of personnel folders and operational plans and reports.

I wish we could be of further assistance, but a search of our records did not reveal anything more than a memorandum that the War Department had ordered these pistols of which half were given to friendly allied governments.

If at any time in the future we come across any additional information on the "Liberator" pistol, you will be informed.

Sincerely

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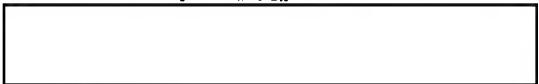


Concerning my previous letter inquiring about the final disposition of 500,000 "Liberator" single shot, .45 cal ACP pistols and your reply stating that your records indicated that approximately 500,000 were given to the various allies during WW2 and that the additional 500,000 pistols were turned over to the war assets administration after the war. In addition you suggested I write to the Department of the Army Ordnance office for information.

I have received a reply from the US Army Weapons Command at Rock Island, Illinois stating that a search of their records revealed no additional data on the final disposition of the 500,000 pistols.

Since the pistols cost approximately \$2.50¢ to manufacture, the sum of 500,000 multiplied by \$2.50¢ reveals a tidy sum of money. In fact a sum that, somewhere along the line, required documentation at the inception (which I am aware of) and the necessary documentation reflecting final disposition. I feel that any item or total number of items that total over one million dollars can not be lightly dismissed and should be accountable on paper somewhere. I would appreciate any additional suggestions you might care to offer concerning final disposition documentation of the "Liberator" pistols. Thanks again for your prior help.

Sincerely,  
*Robert W. Koch*  
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